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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 9169

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AHARAM REPORT OF GOE MESSAGE TO USG ON

PALESTINE

REF CAIRO 9118

1. REFTEL REPORTED NOV 13 AHARAM ARTICLE WHICH GAVE HIGHLIGHTS OF ALLEGED GOE MESSAGE TO USG. ACCORDING TO PAPER, MESSAGE SAID UNGA PALESTINE DEBATE AFFORDS USG POSSIBLY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY POSITIVE ROLE IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS.

2. EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST WITH EXCELLENT MFA CONNECTIONS TOLD US NOV 14 THAT HIGH MFA OFFICIALS SAID TO HIM OFF THE RECORD THAT THEY HAD LEARNED ABOUT THE ALLEGED MESSAGE BY READING AHARAM. THESE UNNAMED OFFICIALS HINTED THAT FAHMY HIMSELF WAS UNAWARE OF MESSAGE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY AHARAM EDITOR IN CHIEF

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BAHA AL-DIN. IF IT TRUE THAT FAHMY UNAWARE OF MESSAGE, THEN

SPECULATION HERE IS THAT BABA MUST HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY SADAT
HIMSELF.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ASKED FAHMY TODAY ABOUT ALLEGED MESSAGE
TO USG, NOTING NO SUCH MESSAGE EVER GIVEN TO HIM. FAHMY
ACKNOWLEDGED THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH MESSAGE AND CLAIMED AHAM
ARTICLE SHEER PRESS SPECULATION.
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